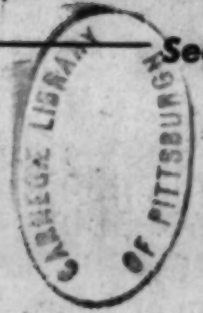


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# EYEWITNESS TELLS OF TOKIO ABLAZE

## Saw Big Plane Works Bombed

By MAC R. JOHNSON

**ABOARD B-29 SUPERFORTRESS OVER TOKIO, Nov. 24 (UP).—**I rode this Superfortress over Tokio today and as we left the Japanese capital behind, six violent fires were blazing up among the rectangular buildings of the great Nakajima aircraft factory. Perfect bombing conditions prevailed as we roared over Tokio, and it was obvious that our attack



was a surprise to the Japanese. Few fighters were able to reach our high altitude and their ack ack fire was spotty and inaccurate.

We had outsmarted the Japanese defenders and drove home the war's first heavy blow to the enemy aircraft industry.

There was no comparison between today's powerful attack and the pioneer raid of Lt. Gen. James Doolittle's force more than 30 months ago.

We are now flying back to our home base at Saipan, having inflicted heavy damage on a vital part of Japan's war industry.

I'm convinced after this first attack that the Japanese are at present unable to combat effectively the blows of these gigantic bombers.

I flew over Tokio in "Little Gem," a late model B-29 with a Varga girl painted on its side. Capt. J. T. O. Archer, 30, Broadwood, Texas, Southwest Conference mile run champion for the University of Texas was our pilot.

### LAST MINUTE TALKS

Archer knew he was flying a dangerous mission and impressed it on his crew in a last-minute review of survival procedure should the plane be forced down.

In the co-pilot's seat was 2nd Lt. H. L. Grispi, Kent, Wash., who worked on the first B-29 ever constructed while he was employed at Boeing Aircraft prior to entering the Air Corps.

In the bombardier's plastic cubbyhole sat 1st Lt. Charles F. Bohling, 24, San Gabriel, Cal. Second Lieut. William J. Smith, 27, Rockyriver, Ohio, was flight engineer and 1st Lt. Blanton Brown, 26, Sweetwater, Texas, was the navigator.

"Little Gem" and other planes in our formation—including the lead plane carrying Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, the mission leader—left white, fluffy vapor trails at high

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Leader of the B-29 Superfortress that bombed Tokio was Brig. Gen. Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell, Jr., who accompanied the 100-plane force as command pilot and mission leader.

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### Liberators Enter Norway:

A sailor of the Red Army stands guard at the harbor of Kirkenes, freed from the Nazis recently by Soviet troops. Motorboats in the harbor fly the Norwegian flag, symbol of a free Norway.

Sovfoto Radiophoto.



# CIO to Press for New World Labor Body at London Parley; Raps WLB

By ALAN MAX

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—The CIO today acted to brush aside all obstacles to a new world federation of labor. The convention also demanded that the War Labor Board immediately bring wage scales into line with rising living costs.

The final session of the five-day convention was also marked by the enthusiastic reelection of President Philip Murray and all the other officers, and by a warning from Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes that unity of the people is required to keep the powerful forces of reaction from staging a comeback.

Murray's name was placed in nomination by President R. J. Thomas of the UAW. The nomination was followed by a tumultuous demonstration. Sidney Hillman presided during this part of the session.

Murray described at length the negotiations with the leaders of the British Trades Union Congress, first to get the CIO affiliated with the International Federation of Trade Unions and, when that was blocked by the AFL, to bring about conferences for the formation of a new world labor organization to include the labor movement of all free countries.

Relating how the London Conference, which was finally called by the British TUC, for last June, was then postponed until next January and has now been postponed again until February, Murray declared:

"Somebody is still standing in the way of a new world labor movement. Somebody or some groups are still trying to raise barriers."

He indicated that Sir Walter Citrine of the British TUC was the somebody and the AFL was the group that was trying to block unity.

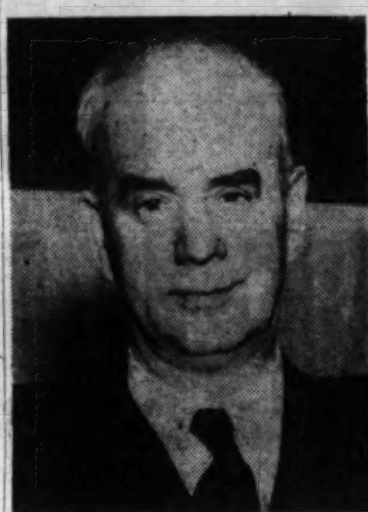
"But nobody can stop us now," Murray declared as the delegates applauded.

He accused the AFL of being unwilling to meet with the CIO and with the representatives of the Soviet Trade Unions and of attempting to outlaw the coming London parley on the ground that the British TUC does not possess the "constitutional" authority to convene it.

Murray told how a meeting of the IFTU was being convened in London at the same time as the world labor parley and evidently for the purpose of obstructing it. He said some amendment might be introduced at the IFTU gathering to allow the CIO or the Soviet Trade Unions to affiliate.

But a decision to such an amendment might take months or a year, with the AFL voting against it and probably threatening to withdraw from the IFTU if it were passed.

**ISSUES WARNING**  
Murray warned against the possibility that at the conclusion of the world labor parley, the entire movement might "disintegrate and fade from the picture" with the IFTU being left to carry on as the sole organization and without the real international labor unity which is



PHILIP MURRAY  
Reelected



R. J. THOMAS  
Nominated Murray



SIDNEY HILLMAN  
Presided at Session

needed in the interests of the entire American people.

To insure against such a possibility, Murray declared that the CIO delegates to the preparatory meeting with the British and Soviet representatives in London on Dec. 4 must insist that the first point on the agenda of the February World Conference is the formation of a permanent world organization.

Murray revealed that the CIO representatives to the February conference would be the CIO president, secretary and general counsel and nine vice-presidents. Delegates to a preparatory conference are Sidney Hillman, R. J. Thomas and Emil Rieve.

## CITRINE REFUSAL

Murray told how the British TUC had refused to send representatives to the CIO convention under the excuse, given by Citrine, that it might harm the TUC's relations with the AFL.

"This would seem to indicate the attitude of Mr. Citrine," Murray added. He declared that such an attitude was not shared by the affiliated unions of the TUC who are "overwhelmingly in favor of CIO participating in world labor affairs."

Declaring that no organization had done more than the CIO to bring about real international labor cooperation, Murray said: "We can't let the AFL or an officer of the British Trades Union Congress block the organization of a new world labor movement."

The resolution adopted by the

convention supported the acceptance of the invitation to the December preparatory meeting and the London conference early next year.

## ICKES' WARNING

Ickes, whose speech received an enthusiastic response, warned that the fight against reaction was far from over.

"The enemy is unscrupulous, resourceful, experienced and rich beyond the dreams of avarice," Ickes declared. "He is confident that he can come back as he has in the past and resume his governance in the interest of concentrated wealth and corporate power."

To prevent such a comeback will require "real unity in the ranks of the people—of the liberals and the progressives—based upon mutual trust and understanding and cemented by a common purpose."

This makes the CIO's decision to continue in political activity of great importance to the nation, Ickes declared.

He warned against the "synthetic" unity which the defeated forces of reaction were now trying to create in order to prevent the unity of the people, "we do not want the unity of privilege or of appeasement or the fake unity found in the do-nothingism," he said.

Ickes also warned now that the campaigning is over, of letting sentimentality blind us to the existence of "as fetid and nauseating a political mess as we have ever had in this country."

Discussing the resolution for revising the Little Steel formula,

Murray made a hard-hitting attack upon Congress and the War Labor Board for breaking the pledge to the people to keep wages and prices in balance.

The CIO, on the other hand, has faithfully kept its pledge to the nation and the armed forces and would continue to do so, Murray asserted, insisting that the government accede to the request for higher wages now in order to prevent a drastic decline in purchasing power, after V-E Day.

Murray ridiculed the promises of Washington officials that wage rates would be raised during the period of partial reconversion. "How are you going to raise wages during a period of employment?" he asked, addressing himself directly to "Mr. Vinson, Mr. Byrnes and Mr. War Board."

He accused Vice Chairman George W. Taylor of "biased and unfair decisions" and told him to "resign your job."

The convention applauded the presence of ex-Gov. and Mrs. Pinchot of Pennsylvania, Republican leaders who had worked to reelect President Roosevelt.

## OFFICERS REELECTED

Officers of the CIO reelected at the convention today were:

President Philip Murray.

Secretary-treasurer James B. Carey.

Vice-presidents R. J. Thomas, Frank Rosenblum, Emil Rieve, Joseph Curran, Sherman H. Darymple, Reid Robinson, Albert J. Fitzgerald, John Green, Allen S. Haywood.

## Steel Pay Demand Bulwarked

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. — In their fight for a new wage policy labor leaders here have been armed with an admission from A. F. Hinrichs, Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that general wage increases have come to only 16 percent as compared to 15 percent allowed in the Little Steel formula.

This would seem to make labor entitled to a substantial wage increase to catch-up to the 29 or 30 percent rise in living cost conceded by War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis in his report to the President last week.

But public members of WLB led by Vice Chairman George W. Taylor preparing to make use of a BLS figure showing an increase of 28 percent in urban wage rates in rejecting labor's demand. The 28 percent figure includes increased performance on the job automatic advancement, on the job and other factors.

At a press conference on Wednesday Hinrichs stressed the importance of this figure but asked point blank whether the comparable figure to the 15 percent in the Little Steel formula was 16 percent or 28 percent, he replied:

"It is probably 16 percent."

## WLB REPORT

This development came as WLB was preparing a report to the President on the wage demands of the United Steel workers and other unions for upward revision in the Little Steel formula. The report will probably be submitted in a few days.

Approval by WLB of a decision on all demands of the steel workers except a 17 cent wage increase was considered likely tomorrow.

WLB is expected to side-step the union's demand for a guaranteed annual wage by recommending the creation of a national commission to study the question.

It is believed certain however that WLB will make concessions to a number of other union demands.

The steel union is expected to get approval of severance pay, a shift differential of four cents for the second shift and six cents for the third shift, vacations with pay and elimination of wage inequalities.

But it is not believed likely in labor circles that these concessions would offset board rejection of union demands for a 17 cent an hour wage increase and an annual wage plan. The steel union made it clear that these were its two basic demands.

## The 'Master Race' Grovels in the Ruins

By JACK FLEISCHER

NINTH U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 24 (UP).—Poking about the ruins of a wrecked Nazi schoolhouse today I found a textbook entitled, "Thus Developed the Empire."

Its concluding paragraph read: "Adolf Hitler led us to the threshold of great times. We thank him for that by growing with this time in order to be worthy of it. Fuehrer, we thank thee!"

The "great times" are certainly here.

When I worked in Germany in 1940 and 1942 and when I was interned there from Pearl Harbor to May, 1942, it was an entirely different Germany than the one I see today.

When I cross over from Belgium

or Holland into Germany and see one German village and town after another in the thickly populated Aachen area lying in almost complete ruins I get a frank satisfaction out of the sight.

Normally, such devastation would be appalling—particularly to see once neat and sturdy towns lying demolished. It is terrible to see farm houses and barns by the hundreds wrecked and even orchards and forests cut to bits by shells and bombs. Nor is it pleasant to see German civilians, older men and women and children, wandering among the wreckage trying to salvage a bit of food and clothing.

All that is not pretty.

## OTHER SCENES

But it does not arouse my sympathy.

I remember all too well the same

pictures which the Wehrmacht showed me after it had swept through Holland and Poland.

When I see the smashed streets of Aachen, Herzogenrath, Wurselen and Aldorf, I remember Rotterdam and Lvov to which I was escorted by the Wehrmacht a few years ago. It is hard to feel pity for people who once deluded themselves with the thought that they constituted the master race now groveling among the wreckage they brought down on themselves.

Many of the Schmidts and Frau Beckers now humbly greet the GI's with a polite "Guten Tag." They eagerly tell you how they personally never imagined themselves Herren-volk. But it was millions of these little people who ran the steelworks, the mines, the factories, the farms which fed Hitler's war machine.

And had the Nazis won the war there would have been mighty few of them who would have objected to being Herren-volk.

Thus far the big fly in the ointment is that only a handful of outright war criminals has fallen into Allied hands. The local Nazi party bosses and the Gestapo and SS men are moving back into Germany, driving 90 percent of the German civilians with them.

But eventually they will be overtaken.

A few days ago in Aachen I helped some American MP's capture two armed Nazi soldiers who had been skulking in a cellar since our occupation of the town five weeks ago. Two and a half years ago I myself was a prisoner of the Germans.

The tables have turned.

## See British-U.S. Airline Accord

CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (UP).—The United States and Great Britain made public today their individual proposals for settling the issues which have deadlocked the civil aviation conference, and revealed they had agreed in principle on a definition of freedom of the air.

The proposals, to be considered by a conference committee on which all 54 delegations will be represented, revealed America and Britain now were in virtually complete agreement on principles for regulating air transport.



## B-29s Ripped Huge Tokio Plane Plant

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Big fires raged in Tokio's war industry centers and smoke rose to tremendous heights over the city after wave upon wave of Superfortresses had hurled hundreds of tons of bombs on selected targets including the great Musashina aircraft works, it was disclosed today. Flames from six fires licked through buildings of the Musashina works, one of the principal sources of Japanese military planes, and the B-29 crews who sent their bombs crashing into war industry targets of all sorts saw other big fires and at least one great explosion.

A communique issued by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of Army Air Forces and Commander-in-chief of the Superfort 20th Bomber Command, gave first details of an attack which changed the whole picture of the Pacific war.

It was indicated that the Japanese were taken by surprise by a bold attack which started shortly after noon today (Japanese time) and continued for two hours.

### TWO MISSING

Arnold reported that only two Superforts out of a fleet unofficially estimated to number 100 or more had so far failed to return to base, and he said that anti-aircraft fire was moderate and fighter plane opposition feeble.

A substantial bomb tonnage was dropped on the Musashina works, operated by the Nakajima Company of the octopus-like Mitsubishi Trust, Arnold said.

The planes arrived over Tokio in clear weather after a flight of about 1,550 miles from the new 21st Superfort Bomber Command at Saipan in the Mariana Islands south-southeast of the capital.

The first wave put its bombs well within the target area, and saw fires—the most dreaded natural enemy of Japan—and an explosion as the missiles hit.

The second wave went over and more fires burst out.

Crews of following waves reported good results. It was indicated that by the time they reached the targets the smoke was rising so thick that it was difficult to see what was happening.

Brig. Gen. Heywood S. Hansel, Jr., commanding the 21st Bomber Command, directed the Tokio attack.

### Nazis on Rhodes Try Foraging

CAIRO, Nov. 22 (Delayed) (UP).—The isolated German garrison at Rhodes, with sufficient food for only another three months, is sending small raiding parties to the British-held Dodecanese Islands in an effort to steal rations, it was reported today.

## Franco Radio Bemoans Loss of Nazi Tirpitz

Franco's radio, for home consumption only, revealed on Thursday just how phony are all Franco's protestations that he has no sympathy with Germany. As recorded by the FCC, Franco's announcer mourned the loss of the "beautiful" German battleship, the Tirpitz.

"British aircraft," the broadcaster wailed, "have eliminated the main obstacle to the arrival in the fjords of Stalin's hordes, driven by an imperialism unprecedented in history. We do not understand it."

Another Spanish broadcast tried to explain away Allied victories on the Western Front by saying it's been too "easy not to have behind it a German purpose, which cannot yet be ascertained."

### LITTLE COMFORT

Franco is getting scant comfort for the loss of the Tirpitz and the approaching Allied victory from the Spanish people, who are closing ranks behind the anti-Franco Supreme Junta of National Union.



A wounded Nazi is carried through mud and rain through Pouilly, France, by four of his colleagues on an improvised stretcher. They surrendered to U. S. Third Army troops driving toward Cologne.

## All Estonia Freed

LONDON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Soviet land and naval forces completed the liberation of Estonia today, driving the last German invaders from the 1,010-square-mile island of Saare (Oesel) in Riga Gulf, Marshal Joseph Stalin announced tonight, as four Soviet armies intensified their offensive to free the whole of Latvia.

Elsewhere on the eastern front, Moscow's communique announced that Red Army troops had seized several plates in Hungary, including Mezozombor, 20 miles east of Miskolc, and had advanced in Czechoslovakia to win a number of places in the Cop (Csap) area.

The last trapped remnants of the Nazi garrison on Saare Island's Sorse Peninsula were thrown back into the Baltic Sea by troops of Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad Army and naval units of Adm. Vladimir F. Tributs' Baltic Fleet.

Premier Stalin announced the triumph in an Order of the Day which called on Moscow's 224 victory guns to fire a 20-salvo salute.

But he is still relying on blind Allied support, predicated on his lying assertions of neutrality and non-fascism.

Two newspaper reports yesterday indicate that this Allied support has not yet been withdrawn.

First, Lord Beaverbrook's powerful London Daily Express editorialized against Britain having anything to do with any move to overthrow Franco.

And, as PM revealed, quantities of penicillin are constantly arriving in Spain from the United States. Penicillin is a rare and valuable drug of which there are insufficient supplies for American and Allied civilians.

But Franco is free to smuggle it on to Germany via a weekly air

## Allies Advance Mile Beyond Strasbourg

PARIS, Nov. 24 (UP).—American and French troops, driving a wedge of steel through the battered German army of eastern France, captured most of Strasbourg today and pushed a mile beyond the ancient fortress city to the approaches of three bridges across the Rhine into Germany.

Artillery anchored in Strasbourg's squares already was bridging the Rhine with flaming salvos ripping into the Westwall fortifications along the east bank of the river.

Front dispatches reported that nine-tenths of Strasbourg had been captured and that the French tricolor was waving from the bomb-damaged 12th century cathedral in the heart of the city which withstood a six-week siege in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870.

The Germans were fighting desperately at the western end of the Rhine bridges—one highway and two railroad—in an effort to keep those escape routes open for part of some 50,000 Nazis isolated in the Vosges pocket along the Rhine.

### NAZIS COUNTERATTACK

Northward along the 400-mile western front, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third Army stormed across the Saar River to the town of Postroff, seven miles north of Saareburg, in a drive heading toward the Rhine above Strasbourg; the U.S. First Army on the Aachen sector fought a bitter battle with reinforced Germans below the highway town of Weisweiler; the U. S. 9th Army fell back before Nazi counter-attacks on the Gellenkirchen sector and the British 2d Army pushed up to the Maas (Meuse) River in Holland opposite the fortress city of Venlo.

Front dispatches said that all of Strasbourg, a city of 180,000, had been occupied except for the southeastern and eastern fringes and

that the first American unit to take up a watch on the Rhine was the 324th Regiment of the 44th Infantry Division, fighting side by side with Gen. Jacques Le Clerc's famed French 2d Armored Division.

The French First Army was moving north along the Rhine from Battenheim, four miles above Mulhouse (and the Paris radio said it was within 37 miles of a junction with forces in Strasbourg.)

French troops hitting the pocket from the south captured Gromagny, five miles northeast of Belfort, and Ballersdorf in the Belfort gap east of Danemarie.

The 7th Army captured the town of Saales, key to the Saales Pass through which runs the only railroad over the Vosges, and cleaned out a German pocket around Saverne by capturing nine towns stretching on a wide arc north, south and east of the city.

### Norway Receives British Destroyer

LONDON, Nov. 24 (UP).—The British Admiralty announced today the transfer of the Norwegian Navy of HMS Badsworth, a destroyer with a displacement of about 900 tons. The ship has been renamed the Arendal and will be manned entirely by Norwegian personnel.

## Big 3 Agree on Reich Occupation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—A tentative blueprint of machinery for the military occupation and control of a defeated Germany has been agreed upon by American, British and Soviet representatives on the European Advisory Commission, Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today.

He said the agreement now goes to the three governments for study and recommendations before the final blueprint is drafted.

The tentative pact provides for unanimity of procedure and is sufficiently flexible so that other countries—France and the Low Countries for example—can be included in the military occupation machinery.

The big three representatives reached the accord before France became a member of the European Advisory Commission.

As things now stand, Germany would be set off into three zones of military occupation, with American forces occupying the southwest, Britain the northwest and the Soviet Union the eastern portion, while the occupation of Berlin would be a combined operation.

The unanimity provision means there will be uniformity in the system of occupation, with the manner of occupation by any of the three or more powers to be approved by the others. This also means that every other major ac-

tion will require the unanimous approval of all parties to the agreement.

An authoritative source emphasized that the tentative agreement is not concerned with what is to be done with postwar Germany, but how it is to be done.

It also was pointed out that the tentative pact is not concerned with reparations, territorial settlements or long-range economic and social decisions, but embraces procedural methods in the military occupation of the Reich and long-range problems dealing with the control of defeated Germany.

There was a feeling here that the military occupation of Germany will last a considerable period.



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transport, just as oil and other materials have steadily been shipped for Hitler's war machine.

It is an outrage that commercial and diplomatic ties are still maintained with those who weep at Allied victories and hasten to save something of Hitler's world from the wreckage.

It is time to withdraw support from Franco and help the forces in Spain who fight, as we do, against fascism for freedom.

## Franco's Latin America Plot Cited by Red Star

By JOHN GIBBONS  
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Nov. 24.—Commenting sharply on Franco's maneuvers to aid Germany, the Soviet press daily emphasizes the necessity, in the interests of lasting peace, of assisting the democratic anti-Franco forces inside Spain.

Summarizing Franco's aid to Germany throughout the war, today's Red Star says:

"United Nations victory compels Franco to seek new diplomatic instruments in order better to serve Germany. In this connection, Franco is intensifying efforts to strengthen relations with reactionary circles in France.

"Most intense, however," the paper emphasizes, "is his activity in Hitlerite interests in Latin America. Falangists are building shelters for the Hitlerite war criminals. The arrogant behavior of Franco's diplomats is encouraging fascist elements in Latin America and helping Hitlerism."

"The Pyrenees peninsula is a corridor for the penetration of Hitlerites not only in Latin America, but also in the Moslem countries. German agents are still in Tangier and Spanish Morocco.

"Strange then, in the light of these circumstances, is the benevolent attitude toward Franco expressed by inviting Spanish representation to the Chicago airways conference.

"Allied preparations for a lasting peace and postwar collaboration must foresee help in the struggle of democratic elements in Spain. This help will be more effective the quicker suspicious maneuvers of the Spanish helpmates of Hitler are exposed."



# AFL Gets British World Unity Plea

## Machinists to Hold Parley In Fight Against Hutcheson

By GEORGE MORRIS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 24.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor was today informed that despite AFL opposition to an allied labor conference scheduled for February at London, British labor "feels that it must persist" in carrying through the parley.

The last-minute appeal to the AFL, and implied warning that it faces isolation, was delivered by John Brown, one of the two fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union Congress.

Arthur Horner, the second British delegate, will address the convention later.

Other events at today's sessions:

**1—A bombshell announcement** by Harvey Brown, president of the International Association of Machinists, the AFL's largest affiliate, that he is calling a special convention of his union to act on jurisdictional disputes with Boss William Hutcheson's Carpenters Union, the Operating Engineers and the Street Carmen. This union last year left AFL ranks for some months on account of this very dispute.

**2—Luigi Antonini, vice-president** of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, reporting on his trip to Italy, gave the AFL a hint of the all-inclusive democratic unity, including the Communists, that is sweeping Europe.

### NEED FOR WORLD UNITY

John Brown, the British delegate, steered his efforts towards persuading the rather hard-boiled listeners to the urgency of international labor unity.

"Our problems as trade unionists are pretty much the same all over the world, in all the highly industrialized and progressive countries," said John Brown.

"That is why the British Trades Union Congress took the initiative last year and reaffirmed the decision at this year's congress, to try to bring together in a world trade union conference responsible delegates from all the trade union organizations which can claim to be genuinely representative.

"The British Trades Union Congress recognizes that difficulties exist. We know that the trade union movement on this continent has its own traditions, its own history and background, its own difficulties and its own special problems.

"Therefore I would like to explain why, despite the difficulties and differences, the BTUC feels it must persist in its efforts to assemble a conference of trade union representatives on the widest possible basis."

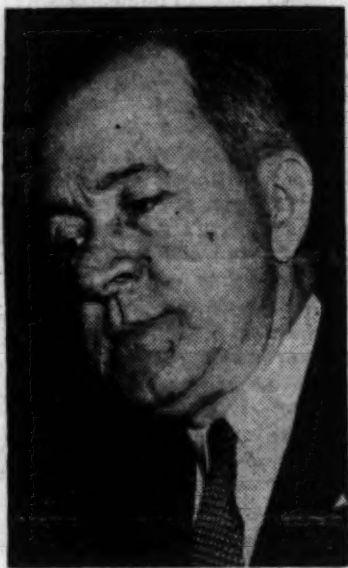
Brown went on to point out that more is at stake in international union unity than the common appreciations toward economic betterment and security.

"We feel that there can be no guarantee of justice in social relations, of peace and order in the world, of better conditions in industry, without a strong and united trade union movement; and if we cannot learn how to act together in the unity of common purpose, we cannot expect that the governments to which we try to give a lead and try to influence will unanimously pursue a policy of international concord and good will," Brown said.

### GERMANY'S FUTURE

Brown also voiced British labor's persistence for a "hard" peace, and indirect criticism of William Green's pronouncements for a "soft" peace.

"When the German people have given tangible evidence of their sincere change of heart we will be among the foremost to welcome them into the fellowship of freedom-loving nations, but we must be convinced of a real fundamental change.



HARVEY BROWN

"A deathbed repentance will not suffice. It will not be enough for the German people to turn against their present rulers because they have lost a war of aggression; that, in my view, would not provide any evidence of a change of heart. The German people have loyally supported their various leaders during the last 50 years in all their warlike acts.

"Hitler and his fellow gangsters have carried out their diabolical acts of frightfulness without a single effective protest on the part of any section of the German people until it was clear that the war had been lost for Germany."

Replying to the Brown speech prior to presenting the British delegate with a watch, Green restated the AFL's opposition to Nazism, fascism and all other "totalitarianisms," and deplored British labor's quest for new untried friends, meaning the CIO and Soviet and Latin American unions, and advised them to stick to "old tried friends."

While British labor aspires to government ownership, American labor, said Green, "yearns" for the day when the government restrictions "we had to put up with until now" would be lifted.

### ANTONINI'S REPORT

Antonini described how in Italy Communists, Socialists and Catholics united.

"Communists there, he said, 'stress that they are Italians first and Communists only second. They call themselves the staunchest and sincerest friends of democracy. Similar tactics are pursued by the Communists within the labor movement, that is to say, within the unified labor union organization.

"After the liberation of Italy the General Confederation of Labor was formed in which all three political groups are represented."

Harvey Brown noted that his organization has reached nearly 700,000 members.

"The Machinists Union is the largest affiliate of the AFL," he said, "yet for six years the IAM has been the only union in the AFL that cannot have the benefit of an official written pronouncement by the President of the AFL setting forth the machinists' jurisdiction over the making, erecting and repairing of machinery—because of restrictions placed upon the federation's president by its Executive Council."

Harvey Brown stated the Machinists returned to the AFL on the promise that differences would be adjusted. Instead, the AFL Council issued another "decree" putting the repair of machinery under the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers, and another under the Building

Trades Union. A dispute on installation of machinery was still unsettled with the carpenters.

Brown said jurisdiction in the latter field was definitely given to the Machinists, but William Hutcheson, who dominates the Building Trades, threatened to withdraw from the AFL if Green makes this jurisdiction known in any official form to contractors. Thus, Brown explained, the Machinists are left powerless.

A member of his union, to work on installation or repair of machinery, must "pay tribute" to the Carpenters or Operating Engineers.

The only official convention reference to the jurisdictional dispute was a statement Green inserted into the minutes, a supplementary report of the Executive Council, in which he announced the jurisdiction that was granted the Operating Engineers.

The convention still consisted entirely of platform speeches.

Others who spoke today were OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, Vice Admiral Ben Morrell, Rose Schneiderman, president of the Women's Trade Union League, who appealed for a fight against the "equal rights" amendment, and Philip Klutznick, Commissioner of the Federal Housing Authority.

## Mourn Tragic Death of Eva Shafran on Coast

The death of Eva Shafran, secretary of the Freiheit Association in Los Angeles, as a result of injuries in a trolley car accident, is a severe shock, Earl Browder wired yesterday to the Communist Political Association of Los Angeles, on behalf of the CPA National Committee.

"We were greatly stunned and grieved," said Browder's telegram, "by the tragic death of Eva Shafran. Eva was one of those rare persons whose whole life was devoted to the cause which she deeply loved, the well-being, the freedom and prosperity of the people of our country. All who knew her will miss her warm comradeship, her love for mankind, her loyalty and devotion. We have lost one who cannot be easily replaced."

Carl Winter, president of the Los Angeles CPA, in the wire received

here announcing Eva Shafran's death, stated:

"The California labor and Communist movement has lost a beloved and self-sacrificing leader, organizer and teacher in Eva Shafran, killed Tuesday night by a street car near her home. She was local secretary of the Freiheit Association, a member of the board of the People's Educational Center and Workers' School, a member of the CPA county committee.

"Her husband, Don Burton, is with the U. S. Army in China.

"Eva Shafran is mourned by thousands here and throughout the country. Funeral service will be held Sunday morning."

## CIO Postwar Program Shows How Nation Can Provide Plenty for All

By MAX GORDON

Let there be no more talk about vagueness in planning for full production and employment in postwar America.

The CIO convention has brought together everything constructive that has been said on the subject. It has formulated a comprehensive program the execution of which will guarantee that America will be a land of plenty for all.

To make this program a reality the convention called for the cooperation of business, farmers and all other forward-looking Americans. It emphasized its readiness to work closely with industry if the latter will respect the rights of labor and will recognize that postwar prosperity must be based on expanded purchasing power.

It underscored the fact that its program is not a "labor" proposition but one that is of intimate concern to the entire nation.

It also emphasized that assurance that this program would be carried into life and would strengthen the war effort by reducing the tendency of workers to shift from war industry to "peace" industry.

The CIO plan is based on three major premises:

1. Expanded domestic purchasing power through higher wages

and greater social security as outlined in the President's Economic Bill of Rights.

2. Expanded foreign trade.

3. Huge development of public and private construction and reconstruction.

The wage plan calls for a sharp increase in minimum standards, and the maintenance of present purchasing power after cut-backs in war production through increased hourly rates of pay and through a guaranteed minimum wage.

The security program calls for passage of the Wagner-Dingell-Murray bill, extension of social security to all, building of new hospitals and overhauling of the workmen's compensation and industrial safety systems.

In discussing foreign trade, the convention hailed the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods conferences as laying the basis for a peaceful postwar world in which the economies of all nations can be expanded. It noted that the "rehabilitation and reconstruction of Europe and the industrialization of Africa, Latin America, China and other economically backward nations open a vista of expanding world trade."

Its proposals for construction and reconstruction included:

1. Development of the nation's rivers and valleys along the pattern of the TVA, as proposed by the President.

2. Construction of not less than 6,000 airports with interconnecting airlines suitable for use by personally-owned planes.

3. Modernization of railways, including elimination of grade crossings.

4. A network of super-highways, city thoroughfares and improved country roads.

5. Building of "not less than 1,500,000 homes per year for at least the next 10 years" and decentralization of the cities.

### John Green to Speak At Soviet Amity Rally

BALTIMORE, Nov. 24.—John Green, national president of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO, will be one of the principal speakers at the American-Soviet celebrations at the Lyric Theatre Dec. 10. Tickets for the rally on Dec. 10 are on sale at Russian War Relief, 1210 N. Charles St., 1700 Fleet St. and 506 Park Ave. Prices range from \$1.80 to 60 cents.

## Hearings on State FEPC Drawing Wide Interest

Unusual interest is being demonstrated in the hearings on proposed state legislation against bias in employment, to be held by the New York State Commission against Discrimination in New York City Dec. 4, 5 and 6, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

More than 250 representatives of religious and racial, trade union, social, fraternal and good-will groups will be present at the Bar Association, 42 W. 44th St., to plead the case against bias in jobs.

Outstanding response is also reported to hearings to be held in four major upstate cities, beginning Monday in Albany at the Assembly Chambers in the State Capitol. Other hearings will be held in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.

### PROPOSED LAW OUTLINED

The proposed legislation provides for a Discrimination Division—a State FEPC—as an executive department under the Governor.

It would make it illegal:

1. For an employer to discrimi-

nate in employment or in conditions of employment because of race, color or national origin.

2. For a labor organization to exclude or expel from membership or discriminate in any other way against anyone.

3. For an employer or employment agency to discriminate against anyone who files a complaint or testifies concerning discrimination.

A full-time commission of five members empowered to investigate

### Hearing Schedule On FEPC for State

Hearings on proposed legislation against discrimination in employment will be held by the New York State Commission Against Discrimination on:

Nov. 27 — Albany, Assembly Chambers, State Capitol.

Nov. 28 — Syracuse, Council Chambers, City Hall.

Nov. 29 — Rochester, Council Chambers, City Hall.

Nov. 30 — Buffalo, Council Chambers, City Hall.

Dec. 4, 5, 6 — New York City, Bar Association, 42 W. 44 St. All hearings will open at 10 a. m.

complaints and order corrections of illegal bias, is provided for in the measure. If the discrimination continues, the commission may go to the Supreme Court for an order compelling compliance. The commission is also empowered to set up community advisory councils to study bias problems in "all or specific fields of human relationships."

The present measure, considerably watered down, differs from the Wicks proposals in two important respects. The first measure carried a specific penalty for violation of the Commission's order of a \$5,000 fine or a year in jail. The present measure fails to do so. The Wicks measure likewise banned bias in all fields, whereas the current measure is confined to jobs only.



## Standard Oil Ordered to End Company Union

RICHMOND, Cal. Nov. 24 (FP).—CIO workers at the Richmond and El Segundo refineries of Standard Oil of California are celebrating an NLRB decision ordering the company to disband its 10-year-old fake union, the Standard Employees Association.

The order clears the way for complete organization of the company's 13,700 workers by the Oil Workers International Union, which is expected to request a collective bargaining election as soon as NLRB rules allow. The decision sets aside an election held at the Richmond refinery Oct. 26 which was won by the company union.

Evidence presented at an NLRB hearing in 1943, held on charges brought by the CIO union, showed that a Standard Oil attorney helped draw up the dummy union's constitution, that the first organizer received \$900 in car mileage from the company, and that the company union never demanded better conditions, but simply made "recommendations and suggestions," which it withdrew if they offended the company.

## Lewis Forces Again Seek School Custodial Strike Here

By DOROTHY LOEB

A new attempt to bring New York City school custodial employees out on strike effective Dec. 2 was announced yesterday by Leon Zwicker, regional director of John L. Lewis' catch-all District 50. The city's 765 custodial employees would be affected. The same outfit led an unsuccessful stoppage a year ago.

On a small scale, Zwicker's latest maneuvers mirror techniques used in the telephone strike. Both unions are outside the main streams of labor, affiliated neither to the AFL nor the CIO, and both hold aloof from labor's broad programs in the interests of the working class and the nation.

In the telephone strike, for all the "independence" of the unions involved, the hand of Matthew Smith of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, which has a black record of wartime strikes, could be seen operating in the background. Of course, in the case of District 50 of the United Mine Workers' District 50, the role of Smith's fellow defeatist, John L. Lewis, is much more apparent.

### UTILIZE GRIEVANCES

Here, too, is duplicated the exploitation of well-established grievances. Telephone workers' wages

range from \$21 to \$24 a week, unbelievably low pay in times of rising living costs. Custodial employees have long been victims of low wages, a system of pay and employment concerning which there is general complaint, and added to that is a new Supreme Court ruling which, while it improves employees' conditions, actually threatens the job tenure of many incumbents.

### ATTITUDE OF PRESS

Local 74 of the AFL Building Service Employees, to which many custodial employees belong, opposes strike action and is negotiating with the Board of Education and Harold Hynes, superintendent of plant operation and maintenance, for adjustment of these grievances. Thomas Shortman, international vice-president, said yesterday. He scoffed at Zwicker's threat and said that despite workers' discontent he didn't believe they would answer a Lewis strike call.

Complicating the situation, however, is the complacent attitude

toward such strikes by newspapers like the Times and Herald Tribune. Still plagued by failure to understand the role of CIO and AFL as defenders of national interest, they look hopefully to non-affiliated groups to play against them. The Herald Tribune, examining the telephone strike, for example, ignored the distinction between "independents" and the great CIO, which a few days ago unanimously reaffirmed its no-strike pledge. It ignored the role of anti-war elements like Matt Smith and their exploitation of workers' grievances. Its editorial singled out for criticism only the War Labor Board, whose delays certainly accentuate difficulties but can hardly be blamed for a national disruption of war communications.

The telephone strike on a national scale and the Lewis threat on a local scale should serve to drive home to such newspapers the part played by legitimate unions in American life.

## Nearly 12 Million in U. S. Armed Forces

The armed forces now total 11,850,000 men, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, reported today to the Senate Military Affairs Committee. More than 8,000,000 of these are in the Army. Committee chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D-NC) said that, in addition, there are 189,000 women in the services.

In releasing Hershey's report, Reynolds announced that 4,500,000 men had been rejected to date for disability and illiteracy. The breakdown of this total, he said, showed: 3,400,000 for physical disability; 500,000 for illiteracy; 500,000 for mental disability and 100,000 for mental "deficiency."

Hershey reported that 79,543 men were inducted in October.

### Grenade Champ

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## Expect WLB Probe of Phone Pay Schedules

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—The War Labor Board was reported today to be preparing a full inquiry into the telephone industry's wage rate structure as an aftermath of the strike of operators in Washington, Detroit and Ohio.

It was learned that once service is resumed fully, the board may appoint a special panel to undertake an investigation of hours, wages, working conditions and grievances to determine specifically the facts about alleged substandard wages and wage inquiries.

The Ohio strike, which touched off brief walkouts in Washington and Detroit and threatened to spread to New York and Chicago, centered at the Dayton, Ohio, exchange. Operators there had protested the company's payment of an extra \$18.25 a week cost-of-living bonus to girls imported into the local exchange while veteran operators received only the regular wage of \$21.

The special panel, it was learned, probably will begin its inquiry with a study of the dispute between the Dayton workers and the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., over which the WLB now has jurisdiction as result of the strike. Other companies and unions would also be invited to participate in the hearings.

## Biddle Demands Littell Resign

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle has asked assistant Atty. Gen. Norman M. Littell to resign.

Littell said he probably would not reply until tomorrow or later. Biddle, it was understood, referred to "personal incompatibility" in making his request.

Members of the Senate War Investigating Committee said they might inquire into the rift which purportedly stemmed from Biddle's objection to Littell's views on the Navy Elk Hills, Cal., oil contract. In recent testimony, Littell was highly critical of the Surplus Property Administration.

## Soviet Amity Rally In Bronx Tomorrow

The 11th anniversary of Soviet-American relations will be celebrated tomorrow evening (Sunday) at the Lechem Aneim Auditorium, 759 Al-lerton Ave., the Bronx.

Speakers will be Israel Amter, vice-president of the N. Y. State CPA; Mrs. Julia Church Kolar, representing the National Council for Soviet American Friendship, and Rabbi Hurwitz of the Lechem Aneim.

Admission is free.

## Crowley to Remain On Job Till V-E Day

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, has agreed to stay on the job "until Germany is eliminated from the war," the White House announced today.



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## Get Angry and Do Something!

**T**HE Pikesville, Tenn., lynching Wednesday of a 17-year-old Negro boy demands anger and action by all decent Americans. Newspapers, giving this horror tale just run-of-the-mill news-story treatment, found it sufficient to say he was "charged" with "attacking" and killing a white woman. Proof? Why, he was a Negro, wasn't he? He was said to have raped and killed her, wasn't he? Therefore, Finis!

But it is not finished! It is time for all decent people to get angry and to act! The temper neither of the Negro nor of his progressive white allies will permit Finis to be written at the end of this story.

For growing numbers of white people—represented in the surging trade union movement throughout the country—see in the repetition of this tale of brutality against the Negro a series of calculated devices for creating disunity. The raping of a Negro woman in Alabama by white men (while the state ignores her pleas for justice), the legal lynching of three Negro youths in Florida for allegedly raping an unnamed white woman, and the Tennessee lynching of a Negro boy for allegedly raping a white woman—these incidents are coming to be related in the public mind with fascist devices to disrupt and ruin our nation.

It is significant that a large part of the daily press played down the Tennessee lynching, ignored the raping of an Alabama Negro woman and played up the Florida state lynching. It is equally significant that the trade union movement, assisted by such people's organizations as the trade union movement has influenced, is the medium through which the people are learning to express both their anger and their action. The Governor of Tennessee must be made to feel this anger and to respond to this action.

## The CIO and Foreign Policy

**M**ANY great pages have been written in the history of our times by the American trade union movement; but we think even old-timers will agree that the CIO's convention in Chicago is setting an example of maturity such as this country has not yet seen.

We noted the significance of the no-strike pledge only the other day. Now come the discussion and resolutions on foreign policy. And again the CIO speaks not only for its own six millions, but for all workers, and in harmony with the best thought of the entire nation.

We cannot pause on each resolution, such as the greetings to the Yugoslav People's Army, or the fraternal support for the united Italian Confederation of Labor, or the backing of the State Department in its firm stand on Argentina. We can only point up the significance of the CIO's warnings against Franco's infiltration tactics, and its strong support to the people of Spain in their desire for freedom and a democratic government. But we must pause on at least two resolutions: the forthright endorsement of the Dumbarton Oaks security plans, and the CIO's stand on the German problem.

On the first, it would appear that nothing very new has been said. The Dumbarton Oaks plans are endorsed; they are supported without reservations and the CIO stands for full powers to the American delegates when the organization gets going, which ought to be soon. Yet, it is a new thing for American labor to take such a deep interest in foreign policy. It is a mark of great advance. It is a warning to those Senators who still intend to block participation in world security that the CIO, alongside all other people's organizations, stands ready to oppose them.

On the problem of Germany, an equally great advance is registered. The CIO not only opposes a "soft peace," and demands punishment for war criminals, but it emphasizes the responsibility of the German people as a whole, a responsibility for which they can atone only by practical deeds in the long process of Germany's redemption. "And, the German industrialists and Junkers shall not receive any amnesty through their business and social contacts in the victorious nations," says the CIO, in rounding out its position.

This is in marked contrast to the Matthew Wool and David Dubinsky approach in the AFL, which came out so glaringly at the ILO conference last spring. For in the guise of helping the German people, the Social Democrats actually help demobilize the United Nations in the face of Nazi "soft peace" maneuvers.

The British Trades Union Congress recently reversed its previous position on this matter. It is now in line with the CIO's stand, and with the Soviet trade unions, all of which augurs well for the international labor parley scheduled for January.



— Between the Lines —

## Regional 'Blocs' in Europe

by Joseph Starobin

**B**EFORE we go arching a right fore-finger at Moscow, and lament the formation of "regional blocs" in Europe, we ought to make mighty sure that such blocs are really being formed. And are we so sure that regional security agreements are invariably the same as "blocs," and inevitably harmful to our larger world security plans?



The fact is that so far there is no evidence of authentic blocs in Europe. Marshal Smuts made such a proposal a year ago, and the London Times is still at it; but such plans are meeting with suspicion not only in Moscow but among the western peoples and governments invited to join.

### Allegations Into Accusations

The Soviet Union is glibly accused, especially in the Social-Democratic press, of having already delimited a "sphere of influence" in Europe. This presumed fact is employed by these same characters as an argument for a "sphere of influence" in western Europe "to ward off Communism."

And when the Soviet press raises an eyebrow at such proposals from some London quarters, these same Social-Democrats, behaving as though their own allegation is a fact, accuse the USSR of refusing to tolerate for the gander what is sauce for the goose.

To date, the USSR has revived no more than its alliance with Czechoslovakia, leaving open membership of a democratic Poland. In reality, this alliance simply drives home the elimination of German influence in Europe. Every peasant can see that the relationships which might have averted this war are being restored; that is a way of pointing up the bankruptcy of the New Order and the inevitable rise of Slav brotherhood against the drag noch osten.

The rest of Soviet diplomatic activity has consisted of liquidating the only real bloc that existed: the pro-German alliances of Finland, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria. And such problems as arose within United Nations in this connection were not settled by the

antagonism of blocs: they were settled by direct negotiation between Stalin and Churchill on the basis of their 20-year alliance.

The hue and cry about a Soviet "sphere of influence" is essentially an expression of regret that the Red Army played the decisive role in liberating eastern Europe. The Social Democrats can't get over this fact; it just eats them up.

And they take their cue from the Polish government-in-exile which always views the world in the image of its own frustrated ambitions. The London Poles wanted an anti-Soviet eastern bloc; they can't possibly understand Soviet policy except in terms of a fulfillment of their own just, on the spikes of which they are themselves impaled.

The pay-off is Stalin's advice that a democratic Poland should seek friendships not only from the Soviet republics but also from England, France and the United States. So where does that leave the spiders who see Soviet blocs around every corner?

As for western Europe, the decisive fact is that the French themselves reject exclusive blocs. They have the opportunity, as I pointed out Wednesday, of sharing in economic controls over German industry; but the French are themselves eager for an all-continental influence, and realize the limitations which exclusive blocs would impose upon them.

Strictly speaking, a "sphere of influence" is the classic technique of antagonistic powers who by such a demarcation endeavor to postpone conflict between them. A sphere of influence is an advance sign of eventual hostility.

But if London and Moscow are truly united by a 20-year alliance, no such spheres are necessary for them. The new "axis" of Europe is not a line drawn down the center. It is a line drawn hori-

zontally between London and Moscow, and all problems can, and are being resolved, along such a line.

### Common Interest In Regional Groupings

Nevertheless, regional groupings may come to pass—not as part of antagonistic blocs but as a revival of those traditional ties which dramatize anti-German alignments in Europe. And such ties will be valuable.

Britain and Belgium, for example, have a common interest in security; so have France and Belgium. The rupture of staff discussions among these three countries in 1938 was a sign of German ascension; as a reassurance that no pro-German policies can revive, it is altogether possible that such British-French-Belgian ties may be strengthened. And so also may the ties of the Danubian nations with the USSR. But that will only strengthen all-European security, and falls within the framework of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

### Our Interests Served in Alliance

Our own country, for constitutional reasons, cannot take part in such direct security arrangements. And we do not need to, provided that our fundamental interest is served. This interest is the stabilization of a democratic Europe around the Anglo-Soviet alliance.

We are interested in every solution which spells peace for Europe and which prevents a European conflict from becoming a world war. For when a European conflict prefigures world war, our interests are threatened, as history has shown.

Our role, which I must take space to discuss more deeply another time, cannot be one of competing with either Britain or Russia in Europe. It ought to favor their utmost harmony. For that harmony means security for them, and security for us.

## Worth Repeating

**DIED FOR FRANCE** is the title of an article written by Father Couturier, a French Catholic priest in the United States, published in the French-language weekly *France-Amerique* of Nov. 11, 1944, which says in part: This morning I received a modest, grey-colored booklet with the title: *Died in France*. Among the last-minute letters written by these men condemned to death, there is one by a young Communist which ends thus: "Farewell, my beautiful party! Farewell my beautiful country." Men like these loved their party, their doctrines and their fatherland as we love our Faith and fatherland. We will remember these things. We will remember how these men loved and how they believed. We will speak of them with gratitude and respect. We will not distort their memory.



# Today's Guest Column

IT IS not going to be very long before the back door to China is opened up. And when it is, the supplies which will thereby stream into southwestern China, coupled with the improvements in that country's political situation on which a beginning has been made, should put a stop to the dangerous Japanese land advances.

Supplies are already entering China from India by air across "The Hump." Few people realize what an extraordinary accomplishment this is. According to the Army Air Transport Command, a loaded transport plane takes off from an Indian airport every 12 minutes, day and night, rainy or dry season. The flight has to be made at an altitude of about 20,000 feet. The route is the most difficult in the world. Foul weather is frequently encountered, a friend against Japanese fighter attack but a relentless foe to the security of crew and cargo. It is said that a plane can, and often does, drop 3,000 feet in a few seconds when it hits a treacherous air pocket.

An elaborate rescue service has been organized, combining the dropping of food and medical supplies from the air with ground rescue facilities. This has become so effective that 80 percent of those who are forced to parachute from their planes eventually return to their bases.



by Frederick V. Field

Some months ago the tonnage of supplies carried over "The Hump" passed the peak reached by the Burma Road before it was captured by the enemy early in 1942. The difficulty of the supply problem over this route can, however, be envisaged when we realize that even though an average air transport plane can deliver four and one-half tons of high octane gasoline for use in China, it consumes an equal amount in making the round trip.

FOR that reason the rapid construction, which has recently been announced, of a 2,000-mile pipeline from Calcutta through Assam and across northern Burma into China is an event of the greatest military importance. Already a considerable section of it is in operation. Part of the line is six-inch pipe, part four-inch. The latter can handle around 14,000 tons of fuel a month, the larger gauge up to 30,000 tons. When the line is complete, the air route and the land route, when that is opened, can concentrate on carrying other forms of war materiel.

No one will be surprised to learn one day not too far off that a jeep has careened into Yunnan province all the way from one of the railheads in Assam. That will be the signal that a new roadway has been opened across Burma to provide a third supply route into China. Much of the road is already complete; the eastern section from Kuning

## Oil for the Planes In China

back to Bhamo in Burma is again in Allied hands. Whereas from Bhamo the pre-Pearl Harbor supply route ran south to Mandalay and Rangoon it will now go north into Assam where it joins up with a railway line coming from India.

A NEW highway, known as the Ledo Road, is known to have been completed from this railroad, Ledo, down to Myitkyina recaptured from the Japanese this fall. Part of the gap between the latter city and the old Burma Road remains incomplete. How quickly the work can be done depends in good part on how much heavy construction machinery it has been possible to get on the spot. One bulldozer does the work of about 400 Chinese laborers.

No figures have been issued estimating the amount of tonnage the air and land routes and the pipe line will be able to carry into China, but based upon the performance of the old Burma Road and the known capacity of a pipe line it should come to something over 60,000 tons a month. By no means enough to rehabilitate the Chinese armies and keep any large American air fleet operating, that amount of supplies will nevertheless make a very substantial contribution toward stopping the Japanese armies in their tracks. It will represent sharply increased pressure upon the enemy from the west and thereby facilitate the landings which are anticipated upon China's eastern coast.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Anna Damon Fund

Manhattan  
Editor, Daily Worker:

There have been references in your columns to the Anna Damon Fund, to carry on the work of this great American Woman who served so splendidly for eleven years as secretary of the International Labor Defense. Mr. James W. Ford's splendid review of the brochure dedicated to continuation of Miss Damon's work was especially appropriate.

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W. C.

Greeks Celebrate

Manhattan  
Editor, Daily Worker:

We are looking for news in the Daily Worker about last Sunday's anniversary of the Communist Party of Greece, when the people celebrated in the streets of Athens, five large streets, and Constitution Square were full of people, listening to the speech of the General Secretary of the Communist Party, George Siantos.

Siantos said: 5,000 Athenians were killed by the Germans, 2,000 of them were members of the Communist Party.

FOR GREECE

A Capitalist

On Russian Trade

Manhattan  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The editorial in Electrical Merchandising by James H. McGraw, Jr., on Russian friendship and trade is an excellent indication that business leaders not previously known for a liberal attitude, are in pretty close agreement with the thesis of Browder's TEHRAN.

If you were to send Mr. McGraw Jr., a copy of that book, he might be amazed to learn that he has good company!

All of which goes to prove that a realistic analysis of historical facts lead thoughtful people to the same conclusions. I'd say the postwar outlook for peace and prosperity was very bright when a representative capitalist and a Communist leader see eye to eye on the immediate path ahead.

B. A.

To Success

Amherstdale, W. Va.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

With such men as the President at the head of the people, a man with vision, the nation will be led to success.

C. M.  
(Member of Garvey Club, CPA).

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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## Views On Labor News

NEW ORLEANS.

THIS AFL convention, as practically all others since Pearl Harbor, will adopt a resolution demanding that labor receive a place at the "peace table." It has never yet been explained just how such representation is expected to work out technically.

It sounds nice and everybody votes for it to express a good sentiment. But, if we stop kidding ourselves with high-sounding phrases and visions of the peace conference as some sort of all-inclusive mass meeting, the question poses itself differently. How is labor's influence to be expressed in the peace that will come out of this war?

Just as certainly as the Allied Nations must get together to work out the peace security policies and eventually the terms of surrender, so labor, too, must express its influence through a worldwide united voice. This is the very essence of the call issued by the British trade unions for the Jan. 8 World Labor Conference at London. There labor of all lands will pool its views and experience for a program covering labor's work and interest during the war, its outlook for a post-war world, its attitude towards the enemy peoples and such questions.

The united body of these tens of millions



by George Morris

of workers will be labor's most potent voice at the "peace table."

SOME delegates here are beginning to realize this. I was told that in the resolutions committee, following adoption of the resolution demanding a place for labor at the peace table, one important labor leader shrugged his shoulders in disgust and said what's the use, any way the AFL will be out in the cold since labor's voice at the peace table will come out of the London conference.

Matthew Woll, chairman of the resolutions committee and leader of the non-participation movement, was reported to have returned a remark in effect conceding that the situation is just that. But neither he nor his colleagues, thus far, have budged from their determination to keep the AFL isolated while 95 percent of world organized labor is sending delegates. It is quite apparent here that some AFL leaders are showing uneasiness as consequences of AFL isolation are becoming apparent.

The cry for representation at the "peace table" is just nonsense to divert attention from the real body where labor's voice will be most audible.

The AFL Council's sudden interest in the forgotten skeleton, the sudden interest in the International Federation of Trade Unions, is also a sort of phony "internationalism" to turn the organization away from the real

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thing. It is amusing how the Council suddenly warmed up to the once disliked IFTU to the extent of several pages in its report to give it a build-up. David Dubinsky of the garment workers, who together with Woll direct the AFL's international affairs, has a resolution in the committee calling for funds to revitalize the IFTU.

THE Council's own report lists the 14 affiliates of the IFTU showing that outside the 6,564,000 members in the AFL and 6,024,000 in Britain, there are less than 4,000,000 members scattered among the rest with the good standing of most very questionable as of 1939. But it is certain that all the groups listed, with exception of the AFL, will be at London.

In fact, Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British unions, sponsor of the conference, is president of the IFTU and Walter Schevenels, its Belgian secretary, is backing London. They will leave the AFL holding an empty bag.

In the past, the AFL's controlling leaders lived in hopes that something or other would turn up that might enable them to play division politics in Europe. Such hopes crashed when a definite date was set for the conference last June. D-Day came to their rescue and forced postponement. But there is nothing in the world to stop the conference from going through on Jan. 8. AFL isolation is inevitable, unless diehard prejudice gives way to plain horse sense.

## Wall Street Bullish On FDR Reelection

L. H. Bradshaw, editor of Investment Timing, issued by National Securities & Research Corp. said he calmly: "We can view with equanimity the continuance of the present Administration . . . under which, in recent years at least, business has been able to operate with a profit." Certainly a thumping understatement when we remember that net profits have more than doubled, from a very high level, since 1939.

The reelection of FDR, Bradshaw added, "provides no grounds for discouragement. . . . For its part, industry will adjust itself and proceed with progressive expansion plans, anticipating a period of sound and abundant prosperity after reconversion is completed." He anticipates "reasonable profits."

Even the Hearstian mouthpiece of New York University, the eminent Prof. Lewis Haney, admitted: "I do not think the election is unfavorable for investments in the sense of making things worse than they have been. It probably shows conditions to be somewhat better than many feared." And among the many, incidentally, was Prof. Haney.

Finally, Roger W. Babson himself, chimed in with this postmortem thought: "I am still bullish on most well-selected stocks."

At the same time the Sage of Babson Park advises workers and farmers to "save for a rainy day" which he fears "is surely coming." But he assures us, "this would still be true if the election had gone the other way."

## Facts for Victory

ONE more word on the elections. Mike Gold on this page some days ago burlesqued the dire predictions of what would happen if the GOP was not chosen to take over the nation's destinies on Nov. 7. You will recall that the morning after the election he found the trains and subways still running, all the banks and hot dog stands open for business, nothing, as he put it, but "busy people going about their usual affairs."

He was not exaggerating the degree of "normalcy" that prevailed on Nov. 8 in the face of the Dewey-Bricker-Brownell prognostications of catastrophe if the people failed to vote against "another New Deal depression."

The fact is that Wall Street supported Mike's rough impressions that the extension of FDR's administration for four years was, to be exact, no calamity at all.

In looking over some of the financial and business weeklies we find plenty of evidence of Wall Street's line on the election. It was by no means panicky, before or after.

TAKE first the pontifical Moody's Stock Survey, which declared even two weeks before the elections that they "should have no more than a passing effect on the market when the results are known." It felt even

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then that "the several years' prospects for the stock market have not been dimmed by events during the election campaign, and they remain distinctly bullish."

Then, after the elections, the Financial World (Nov. 15) emerged with this observation: "Response of the stock market to the election results is good indication that investors had previously become rather well reconciled to the prospect of a Fourth Term, and whatever 'discounting' there was occurred well in advance of the balloting itself."

Referring to what happened on the stock market the day after the election, this same weekly declared that "Wednesday's dip of four-tenths of a point in the industrial average was much smaller than numerous declines that have been seen from time to time in recent months, and the day's trading volume of only 732,330 shares was not even up to normal."

NO ONE seemed scared and eager to sell because "That Man" was in again. As The Outlook of Standard & Poor's Corp., stock and bond analysts put it, "There was no evidence that investors were either surprised or perturbed by the count of ballots."

With the post-election stock market making scarcely a ripple, the long-range viewers then began to appraise the situation. First came





# Bombs on Tokio Salute Work Of U. S. Airfield Engineers

By FRANK TREMAINE

United Press War Correspondent

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC, Nov. 24 (UP).—**The thunder of bombs on Tokio from the Superfortresses of the 21st Bomber Command today was a tribute to the Army's aviation engineers who landed behind assault troops to construct one of the world's greatest air bases under the most difficult conditions.

Aviation engineers, known as the "Flying Castles," took over on the sixth day of the invasion of the Marianas and within 24 hours filled up 600 holes and craters on churned-up Aslito airfield. Then they watched the first AAF P-47 Thunderbolts land safely and take off within two hours on their first missions.

The engineers constructed a major airfield for the Seventh AAF Liberators and built a system of gasoline storage tanks reconstructed from a Japanese deep water well. Then they got production started on two coral quarries.

The engineers had to build the huge Super-

fortress base between takeoffs and landings of fighters and medium and heavy bombers operating against Japanese bases in the Marianas, Bonins and Volcanos.

They dumped a truckload of coral every 40 seconds around the clock for several months, hauling the coral over a blacktop highway from the quarries to the job. Even generals weren't allowed to drive on the road unless they were hauling coral too.

Details of the airfields are still secret, but one of them has seven miles of taxiways and another has two service aprons, each of which would have been considered adequate for a bomber strip five years ago.

The engineers moved 4,000,000 square yards of rock coral in building the base, and removed one bluff which stood in the path of a runway.

Lt. Col. Edward A. Planders, 27, whose wife and daughter live in Oshkosh, Wis., commanded the battalions which built the Superfortress runways. He was graduated from West Point in 1940.

## No Postwar Lend-Lease But Firm Ties: FDR

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—**President Roosevelt told Congress today that Lend-Lease and Reverse Lend-Lease "should end with the war," but that the United Nations "partnership" must continue and grow stronger to assure an enduring peace.

The President said in his 17th report on Lend-Lease operations that the Allied system of combined supply must be replaced after the war by "a permanent and stronger United Nations" capable of quelling aggression, building economic foundations for prosperity and furthering civilized progress.

The report, devoted solely to Reverse Lend-Lease provided to the United States by the British Commonwealth of Nations, said Britain and her dominions had furnished \$3,348,127,000 in services and supplies to this country in the two years ended June 30.

U. S. Lend-Lease shipments and transfers to the British Empire during the same period totaled more than \$10,500,000,000, while another \$18,500,000,000 was channeled to other United Nations, according to Lend-Lease records.

Mr. Roosevelt said that without Britain's contribution to U. S. forces the invasion would have been delayed "many months."

## Dems Stronger In Northwest

**SEATTLE, Nov. 24. —** Assurance that Democratic Governor-elect Mon C. Wallgren will have a state legislature in support of the Roosevelt policies is apparent from returns from the state's 46 legislative districts.

Democrats picked up nine seats in the House and six in the Senate, with the line-up now as follows: Senate: 33 Democrats, 12 Republicans. House: 66 Democrats, 32 Republicans.

The Democratic victory swept out of office GOP Gov. Langlie, elected Congressman Warren G. Magnuson to the U. S. Senate; returned John M. Coffee and Henry Jackson to Congress from the Sixth and Second districts, and elected Democratic candidates Hugh DeLacy in the First and Charles Savage in the Third Districts. Two GOP Congressmen, Hal Holmes and Walt Horan, were reelected in the Fourth and Fifth districts.

Initiative 157, a little Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security bill, was carried by three to one in the servicemen's vote. It was defeated on a state scale, however, because it was subjected to a heavily financed propaganda drive which charged it would destroy "social security."

## Clare Offers Some 'Clarity' on China

Clare Boothe Luce is about to take something of a vacation trip to the European battlefronts, exhausted as she is by her narrow escape in the Connecticut congressional race.

But before going off on this junket, she offers a parting shot, and deplores the "critical and shortsighted attitude developing in America toward China."

That is, she deplores exactly what our government applauds: the new understanding of the Chinese reality, as reflected, for example, by Brooks Atkinson in the New York Times.

In the great Clare's opinion, "some critics of the present Chinese government seem quite willing to turn China over entirely to the Chinese Communists, and others seem willing to sacrifice China's territorial integrity to persuade Russia to enter the war against Japan."

Now this is really something. The truth is that if the Kuomintang's disastrous antagonism to the Chinese Communists continues, China's territorial integrity will disappear into Japan's control.

If one is really interested in China's integrity, one has to stand for unity. For it is disunity that has led to Japan's advances in Honan, Hunan, and now from Kweichow towards Kweichow and Chungking itself. Unity with the Communists does not mean turning China over to them; it means saving China from Japan.

### STRANGE FROM LUCE

As for "persuading Russia to enter the war," the Luce position is strange indeed. For three years we've heard complaints from Luce's direction because the USSR was concentrating against Hitler; now it would appear that the Luce crowd really hates the very idea that the Soviet Union may play any part at all in the Pacific.

But people who want to keep Russia out of it, you would think, ought to favor a strong, united, fighting China so as to defeat Japan without help from any other quarter.

Mrs. Luce doesn't want China united, at the same time, she fears Russia—then how does she mean to defeat Japan?

And then she offers the bogey of a "totalitarian China," such as would allegedly come about if the Kuomintang united with the Communists.

But what could be more totalitarian than Chungking today — no democracy at all, concentration camps for critics of the regime, and Chan Li-Fu, former education minister, but still in a position of power, openly talking about the good things in fascism, as Brooks Atkinson noted the other day?

No, a coalition government in China would not mean totalitarianism, it would mean the beginnings of democracy, and only such a China offers hope for the free enterprise system in America.

If Mrs. Luce's opinions were merely her own, no-one would pause to comment. As the opinions of the Luce family, controlling powerful publications like Time and Life, they menace the clarification of the issue in our own country. They only encourage the born clinging to reactionary policies in Chungking itself.

## WHAT'S ON

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

**DEADLINE:** Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

### Tonight—Manhattan

**SUNDAY at 8:30 p.m.** To celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday—a festival which will include a speaker on American tradition, readings from great literature on Thanksgiving and American Holiday Folk Songs by the Jefferson Chorus. To be followed by social and folk dancing. Jefferson School of Social Science, 875 Sixth Ave. 50¢.

**COUNCIL FOR PAN-AMERICAN DEMOCRACY** announces Good Neighbor Party, outstanding entertainment—Josephine Premice - Tato & Maria - Eudoro Silvera - Seriana - Sat. eve., Nov. 25, 23 W. 26th St. Dancing; refreshments. Subs. 75¢. 8:30 p.m.

**TSCAIKOWSKY CLUB** 3216 commemorates Tchaikovsky's 50th anniversary with concert and dance at 201 West 72nd. Exclusive talent of La Scala, Milana and Vienna Opera will participate including a well-known violinist. Proceeds—Xmas presents to Soviet children. 9 p.m.

**"ASIA" tonight at 8:30.** Theatre of All Nations presents Music & Dance of Near and Far East with Wadecia Atiyeh, Tomiko Kanazawa, Y. F. Lee, Little Namora, J. Y. Yen, Aziz Pabani, Hung Ai-Mei, Liu-Liang-Mo and Chinese Peoples Chorus. Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, 154 W. 57th. Adm. 90¢. \$1.20, incl. tax.

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**ALFRED GOLDSTEIN,** teacher, analyst, lecturer, speaks tonight on "The New Europe—What Is It to Be?" Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., W. Brighton.

### Tomorrow Bronx

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# Meeting Tomorrow Will Refute Lies About EAM

Developments in Greece are being "observed by heavy censorship of factual reports" while "anti-EAM propaganda gets through," Dr. Michael Mandelakis, secretary of the Greek American Committee for National Unity charged, yesterday.

He announced that the Committee's rally tomorrow (Sun.) at 2 p.m. at Palm Garden, 302 W. 52 St., will answer "current unprincipled propaganda attacks against the National Liberation Front, EAM, by A. C. Sedgwick in the New York Times."

"According to Sedgwick, Greece is torn apart by factions, facing Communist 'civil war' because of the attempt by 'extremists' in the EAM to seize power. The reports of other correspondents flatly contradict Sedgwick and his hand-made, semi-weekly 'civil war,'" Dr. Mandelakis continued.

Reports of Constantine Poulos, ONA correspondent, Michael Rodas, Greek Daily National Herald correspondent, Panos Morphopoulos, contributor to the New Republic, Frank Gervasi, Collier's correspondent, M. W. Fodor, Chicago Sun correspondent, reveal that the overwhelming majority of the Greek people who support the EAM, far from seeking civil war, are displaying the highest discipline and order.

"Only the group of collaborators, Quislings and members of the security battalions, who are unfortunately still at liberty continue, where they can, their provocations."

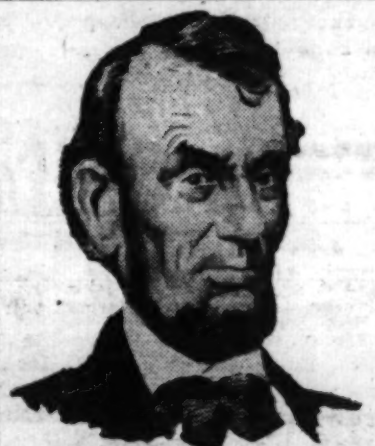
"Americans have a warm spot for Greece. Today, when Greece needs aid, they will be more than willing to aid generously. What is required is understanding."

"Slanders and lies confuse and

divide Americans, crippling their aid, diverting them from the main questions. Knowledge of the truth about the EAM and the situation in Greece is of value not only to Greece but to our own country at the moment of her greatest battles, for only on the basis of such knowledge can we support and implement American policy along the lines of democracy and independence, security and durable peace, so that the people's future, purchased with blood, shall not be drowned in blood again."

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## News Capsules

### The Imaginary Invalids

There is no evidence to substantiate the theory that all persons, normal or otherwise, should take vitamin preparations, states an article in the current journal of the American Medical Association by Drs. Julian M. Ruffin and David Cayer, of Durham, N. C. A study of the effects of vitamins on 200 students at Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, has shown that administration of vitamin supplements to a group of "apparently normal persons, consuming the usual American diet," had no demonstrable effect, the article states.

"While no one," the two doctors said, "would question the employment of vitamin therapy in frank deficiency diseases or even in suspected deficiency states, still one wonders if the indiscriminate use of vitamins, sold over the counter to people who have no obvious disease, is justified."

A two weeks old baby girl was found late Thursday afternoon in the women's washroom of the IRT subway station at Franklin Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

The baby was wrapped in two blankets, and wore a pink dress and a blue cap. She is now in New York Foundling Hospital.

Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman, three-year-old Cheyenne, Wyo., boy is "getting along very nicely" in Mercy Hospital in Denver, where he is under treatment for a bladder ailment that may take his life.

The child was reported to have shown improvement after a blood transfusion Wednesday and was allowed to have Turkey for Thanksgiving.

Medical experts said that if Nubbins continued to improve, then "we are justified in hoping to perform the operation which will remove the bladder obstruction."

Ethel Barrymore has gone to Hot Springs, Va., to recuperate, after almost two weeks in a hospital suffering from lung congestion.

She expects to be back Dec. 4 in "Embezzled Heaven," which has suspended showings.

## Olgin Memorial Here Tonight

The Jewish people will commemorate tonight (Saturday) the passing of Moissey J. Olgin, noted Jewish leader.

An appraisal of his rich life and work will be made by Paul Novick, for many years a co-worker of Olgin and at present editor of the Morning Freiheit.

The audience will hear Olgin's voice in a recording of his last speech. A statue of Olgin, recently completed, will be unveiled by the sculptress, Mina Harkavy.

Among the artists participating in the program will be the Metropolitan basso, Emanuel List, the actress Frances Adler and violinist Gloria Perkins.

Tickets are still available at the Freiheit office, 50 E. 13 St., and at the Town Hall box office, 43 St., off Sixth Ave.

## Big New Air Force

The Troop Carrier Command, youngest command of the U. S. Army Air Forces, is larger today than the whole of the American air forces three years ago.

# Court Martial Probes Facts in Riot at Fort Lawton, Wash.

By ELLEN McGRATH

FORT LAWTON, Wash., Nov. 24.—The trial of 43 Negro enlisted men before a military court is now under way here and proceeding in an atmosphere of calm deliberation to ascertain the reasons behind the fight shortly after taps on the night of Aug. 14.

Three of the accused are on trial for their lives, charged with murder in the unexplained death of an Italian soldier, Guglielmo Olivetto, former prisoner of war who was a member of a service unit.

The fracas was described as a free-for-all fight in which a number were injured.

The following day and over a mile away from the scene, the body of Olivetto was found hanging from a wire over a gully. The dead man's shoes were found on a bluff several hundred feet from the body.

At that time military authorities said they were investigating the possibility of suicide. Connection between the death and the fracas at the company's barracks remains to be proven.

The trial opened on Nov. 16. Major William T. Beeks, defense attorney, and Lt. Col. Joworski, trial judge advocate (prosecutor), both exercised their one preemptory challenge. The court as constituted consists of nine officers ranging in rank from captain to colonel.

It is unfortunate that no Negro commissioned officer is on the court to help determine the fate of the 43 Negro soldiers.

Major Beeks dealt at length in questioning on any "conscious or unconscious" race prejudice. The questioning was said to be "unusual" but was allowed. Major Beeks made it clear, however, that he was not impugning the good faith of any of the officers but was seeking through searching questions to ascertain possible prejudice.

## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

The case has aroused many unanswered questions. For instance, the association between the Negro and Italian service men was declared to be excellent prior to the outbreak, which was described as a well-planned attack by the Negroes upon the Italian service unit's barracks nearby.

Following the riot two companies of Negro soldiers were sent overseas. A number were brought back from the South Pacific to stand trial. In the interim several have been promoted to the rank of sergeant or corporal.

The rigid military regulations on this Fort were lifted on orders of Secretary of War Stimson, permitting the press and interested groups to appear as spectators.

John Caughlan, Seattle attorney, is sitting in as legal observer representing the International Labor Defense and the Council of Minority Rights.

The three soldiers who face a possible death penalty in event of conviction for murder are Corp. Luther Larkin, 23, Helena, Ark.; Sgt. Arthur J. Hurks, 23, Houston, Texas; and Pvt. William G. Jones, 21, Decatur, Ill.

One of the questions which may be answered in the trial is of possible attempts by provocateurs to create division between Negroes and whites by capitalizing on the discrimination against Negroes, which is a potential threat to welding unity for victory in the war.

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# In this corner

Trojans Out to Clinch Bowl Bid Today

Bill Mardo

The City of Angels will turn out en masse this afternoon to watch the University of California tackle their neighbors from USCLA, lone remaining obstacle in USC's march to the Rose Bowl.

A return engagement, both coast elevens battled to a tie their other time out. And while the record certainly favors those unbeaten Trojans, the fancy flinging of Bob Waterfield leaves the Uclans a very definite threat.

Despite service calls which have considerably drained the USC backfield: Jim Hardy at quarter; Don Burnside, 17-year-old right halfback; George Callanan at left; and Duane Whitehead plunging from the fullback slot—mentor Jeff Cravath's quartet is still superior to anything USC can put on the field.

Though a surprise win is quite possible, all things sane and reasonable point to a USC triumph and Rose Bowl bid. . . . And who do you think will be the party of the second part, that first day of the New Year?

Les Horvath ends his varsity playing days for Ohio State today, as the Buckeyes try to complete their unbeaten season against the very, very dangerous Wolverines of Michigan.

Horvath is one of those gifted gridders who can play almost every post in the backfield with equal effectiveness. A sure cinch to clinch an All-American berth, Horvath demonstrated another facet to his abilities this season. That was in guiding the destinies of Ohio State's freshman-studded squad. I don't believe there are more than five men with previous varsity experience playing for the '44 Buckeyes—and when you take a gander at some of the teams they've knocked off, then you get a keener appreciation of Horvath's performance.

Here's hoping Les Horvath winds up his collegiate career in a blaze of glory—with an unbeaten season and the Big Ten championship serving as a fitting finale for an outstanding player.

Second Lt. "Clint" Castleberry, former freshman star for the 1942 Georgia Tech eleven, has just been reported killed in the Mediterranean theater. Castleberry had been previously listed as missing while making a non-combat flight to a Mediterranean base.

While not wishing to louse up Yale's chances today for a perfect season, it would be well to remember that their foes from Virginia have given up only 38 yards per game along the ground.

To the air, Bulldogs!

## New Coach, One Vet at B'klyn

(This is the third of a series of previews of the metropolitan basketball teams.—Next, St. John's.)

Small, scrappy Brooklyn College won't put any world-beaters on the basketball court this season, but, as usual, the Kingsmen can be counted upon to give their all for old Flatbush.

Last year, their "all" exploded with stunning suddenness, when they knocked over the highly-rated Western Kentucky squad in one of the major Garden upsets of the season.

Brooklyn College is starting the 1944-45 basketball season with a new coach, Tubby Raskin. Raskin's tentative "first five" are Stan Harwood, center; Bill Rosenblatt and Stan Simon, forwards; Barnett and Leder, guards. Rosenblatt, Simon and Harwood are freshmen.

Leder, Barnett and Joe Epstein, from Brooklyn Poly, are the only members of the squad who have had college competition. Leder and Barnett received medical discharges from the armed forces.

The Kingsmen's first five will average well over six feet in height, although most of them are on the thin side. Barnett is only 5-9, but Harwood is 6-4; Rosenblatt 6-2½ and Leder and Simon each 6-2. Harwood, who played with Madison, is fast for a tall chap and good on rebounds, but like most freshmen he lacks poise

and expert ball handling. Raskin thinks these faults will be quickly eliminated, however, as Harwood appears to be an apt pupil.

Rosenblatt, a regular at Midwood for several seasons, looks like the best prospect among the newcomers. Simon, although a center at Boys, is being used at forward because of Harwood's greater height, but the former probably will see much action in the pivot spot.

"Next to Leder, Simon is the best ball handler on the team," said Raskin. "He's an accurate hitter from any angle or distance. He's got a lot of court savvy, but unfortunately he's not very fast."

"If these youngsters continue to show improvement I think we'll have a fairly good club," said Raskin. "We'll use a fast break and do a lot of shooting. Defense, as with all freshmen, is a problem, but that will take care of itself as the boys gain experience in actual competition."

Brooklyn has five games in Madison Square Garden, three of them against formidable intersectional rivals. The Kingsmen meet Western Michigan, one of the best teams to show here last season, Dec. 9; Western Kentucky, Dec. 25; Texas Christian, Jan. 1; St. Francis, Feb. 10, and City College, Feb. 21.

## Doc Hyland Saves Young Card Prospect

Baseball's best known medic, Doc Hyland, recently performed a dangerous brain operation on an outstanding Cardinal prospect—the surgery was successful, and now Big John Jowaiszas will have his chance to make good with the world's champs.

As told in the current issue of Sporting News, the 17-year old Jowaiszas started the '44 season with the Johnson City Cardinals of the Appalachian League. He was badly beamed while taking his cut at the plate one day, and had to be sent to a Johnson City hospital. After two weeks of hospitalization, the boy was discharged—apparently cured.

Still suffering from the beaming, however, the youngster's play was dull and uninspired, and he was in turn shifted from Lynchburg to Rochester. At Rochester, he received further treatment and then, the Cards finally got in touch with Doc Hyland.

An x-ray showed that Jowaiszas had a depressed skull fracture. The youngster was rapidly becoming incoherent. According to Doc Hyland, he was suffering from a partial paralysis. By the time Hyland was ready to operate, a marked retrogression had set in.

In the operating room, Hyland removed a blood clot on the brain, took out the fractured bone and substituted a silver plate. Several days later, Jowaiszas was well on his way to recovery.

Once again, Doc Hyland had saved the future for a baseball player.

## Four-Team Bond Show At Ebbets Field Today

More than 25,000 fans are expected to attend today's War Bond scholastic grid double-header at Ebbets Field, which gets underway at 12:45 p. m.

Erasmus Hall and Abraham Lincoln play in the feature attraction after the opened, which pits Brooklyn Tech against Washington Irving.

## RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.  
WEAF—660 Kc.  
WOR—710 Kc.  
WJZ—710 Kc.  
WNYC—830 Kc.  
WABC—880 Kc.  
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### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Shopping Talk—Lois Long  
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News  
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch  
11:15-WJZ—Transatlantic Quiz  
WMCA—Christian Science Lecture  
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell  
WOR—Hookey Hall  
WJZ—Land of the Lost  
WABC—Billie Burke Show  
WMCA—News; Food for All

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time  
WOR—Hello, Mom  
WJZ—To Be Announced  
WABC—Theater of Today  
12:15-WJZ—Swing Shift Frolics  
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight  
WJZ—News; Jazz Box  
WABC—News; Farm-Home Hour  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
1:00-WEAF—Yank, the Army Weekly  
WOR—This Is Halloran  
WJZ—Ballads and Show Tunes  
WABC—Grand Central Station  
1:15-WMCA—Health Talk  
1:25-WABC—News Reports  
1:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch  
WOR—Lopes Orchestra  
WJZ—Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert  
WABC—Report to the Nation  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
1:45-WEAF—John MacVane, News

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Musica—Variety  
WOR—Dance Orchestra  
WJZ—To Be Announced  
WABC—Detroit Musicals  
2:15-WEAF—Football Game  
WMCA—Football: Columbia vs. Dartmouth, at Baker Field  
2:45-WOR, WJZ—Football: Notre Dame vs. Georgia Tech  
WABC—Football: Ohio State vs. Michigan, at Columbus  
3:00-WMCA—News; Football Game  
3:55-WQXR—News; Symphonic Music  
4:00-WMCA—News; Football Game  
5:00-WEAF—Grand Hotel—Sketch  
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Ormandy, Conductor  
5:15-WJZ—Stopak Orchestra  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercok, News  
WOR—Prima Orchestra  
WMCA—News; Music

## Pro Grid Roundup

# Giants May Take Lead Tomorrow--If . . .

by Phil Gordon

All eyes will be glued on the two highly important pro grid games being played in the East tomorrow—the Giants-Tigers engagement at the Polo Grounds—and the Chicago Bears-Philly Eagles embroglio at Philadelphia.

Should the Giants run true to form and smother the fangless Tigers, and should the Bears dump the Eagles, and should the Redskins lose to Boston—well, the Giants would be in first place.

Of course, nobody seriously expects the Brooklyn Tigers to upset the high-riding men of stout Steve Owens. The Tigers haven't won a game yet—their eight-streak loss being the saddest thing to happen in the pro loop.

Bill Paschal will be back in the starting lineup tomorrow, and this, more than anything else discounts any Tiger uprising. Blonde William only saw part-time service against Green Bay last week, due to his mending knee. But he's healed and rarin' to go against Brooklyn, which makes it nine straight defeats for the Tigers, unless the impossible happens.

At the city of Brotherly Love tomorrow afternoon, the best played game of the day is expected to unfold. Ensign Sid Luckman and his gang do battle with the unbeaten Eagles, who have a few terrific backfield worthies of their own. Pay Zimmerman and Steve Van Buren being the first to come to mind.

While this year's Bears aren't by any stretch of the imagination the club of a few years back, nonetheless, so long as Sidney Luckman is in there pitching and calling the plays, it would be foolhardy to venture the outcome of this fray.

It shapes up as a titanic battle of the T's . . . and your guess is as good as mine.

## Hockey Standings

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Montreal	8	2	1	17
Toronto	3	2	0	16
Detroit	5	3	2	12
Boston	3	6	1	7
Rangers	1	5	3	5
Chicago	1	7	1	3

## Radio Concerts

3:30-4:30 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Piano Student Contest at Brooklyn Museum presents Anita Bieber and Roy Echenberg, 15; Arthur Rivituso and Harriet Serr, 18 years old.  
5:30-6 P.M., WABC (also FM)—Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Ormandy conducts.  
5:30-6:30 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Public Library Concert by Ruth Freeman, flute, and James de la Fuente, violin.  
5:30-6 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Elizabeth Wyser, contralto.

6:00-WEAF—News; Friendship Ranch  
WJZ—Bruno Shaw, News  
5:45-WEAF—Curt Massey, Piano  
WOR—Shirley Eder, Comment  
WJZ—Nancy Martin, Songs

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
6:15-WOR—Newswatch  
WJZ—Harry Wismer—Sports  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Matty Malneck Records  
6:30-WOR—Frank Singiser, News  
WJZ—Edward Tomlinson  
WMCA—Fighting Words  
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Lucienne Delval, Songs  
WABC—The World Today, News  
WMCA—Radio Beam—Jack Shafer  
7:00-WEAF—World's Great Novel, Sketch  
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
WABC—Play—Mayor of the Town; Lionel Barrymore, Others  
WMCA—News; Platterbrains  
7:15-WJZ—Leland Stowe, News  
7:25-WQXR—News; Concert Music  
7:30-WEAF—Elly Queen Show  
WOR—Arthur Hale, News  
WJZ—Meet Your Navy  
WABC—America in the Air  
WMCA—News Reports  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
WMCA—Songs of Israel  
8:00-WEAF—Gaslight Galettes  
WOR—Frank Singiser, News  
WJZ—Early American Music  
WABC—Kenny Baker, Tenor  
8:15-WOR—Hugh Thompson, Baritone; Jean Merrill, Soprano  
8:30-WEAF—Truth or Consequences  
WOR—Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra  
WABC—The FBI in Peace and War  
8:55-WABC—Bob Trout, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WOR—Play—Results, Inc., with Lloyd Nolan, Claire Trevor  
WABC—Hit Parade  
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works  
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?

## Champs Finally Take Over 1st

For the first time this season, the Montreal Canadians are leading the National Hockey League, even though they were held to a 3-3 tie by the Red Wings Thursday night—the evening they took over first place.

What pushed last year's Stanley Cup champs into the forefront was a surprising 5-1 upset garnered by the Bruins over Toronto.

After nullifying a one-point lead gained by the Hawks, the Rangers went into the lead and never relinquished it—until there were only five minutes of play left. Then, Pete Horeck, Hawk left wing, sent one past goalie Ken McAuley . . . to gain a tie. McAuley played one of his better games in front of the net, but his teammates were sadly deficient on the offensive.

Tonight the Canadians put their lead on the line when they table the Maple Leafs, who are only one point behind.

## Gomez to Attend Bowling Bond Rally

Lefty Gomez, ex-Yankee pitcher; Chuck Dessen, Dodger coach; Lewis Stein, only living founder of the American Bowling Congress; Jimmy Smith, greatest bowler of all time, and Joe Falcaro, undefeated match game champion, are scheduled to appear at the War Bond rally at the Plaza Bowling Center, Flatbush and Seventh Avenues, tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p. m. Bowling movies will be shown. Admission will be free and autographed miniature pins will be presented to all bond purchasers.

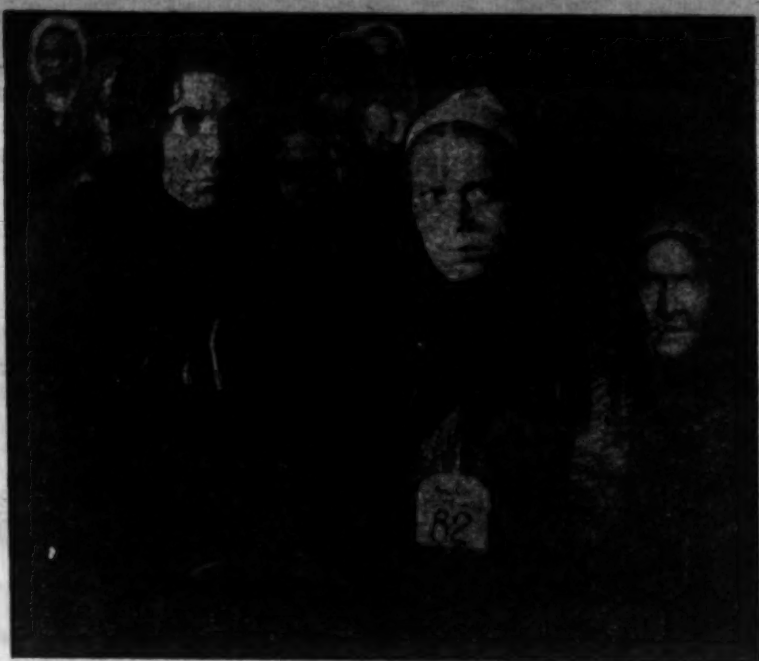
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## Women Volunteers Of Lincoln's Times

LINCOLN'S DAUGHTERS OF MERCY. By Marjorie Bartsow Greenbie. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1944.

Reviewed by JUDY SCHMIDT

Lincoln's Daughters of Mercy is the story of the United States Sanitary Commission, to which 32,000 ladies' aid societies, organized in every town and village throughout the northern states, were affiliated.

Appointed by Lincoln on June 13, 1861, the commission was empowered "to oversee the health and welfare of the volunteer army, and to serve as a channel of communication between the people and the government." Its work began with the fight to improve the conditions in army camps. When the war ended the commission was running a \$50,000,000 business in supplies of all kinds for army medical care and general welfare of the troops.

The achievements of the sanitary commission were a dramatic testimonial to the results of cooperation between the people's organizations and government agencies.

The author sketches in the picture of the commission's extensive activities through the stories of the leaders of this mass women's movement. The material lends itself to this method and the result is a highly exciting, well written narrative that borders on the historical novel.

Their stories of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman MD in the world, and of Dorothea Dix merge in the fight to incorporate women nurses into the army to meet the desperate need for care of the sick and wounded.

The story of Mary Livermore, a housewife who headed the Chicago office of the commission, in the epic of a vast people's movement to supply its army with everything from bandages to onions.

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Mother Bickerdyke's story, of whom General Sherman had said, "she outranks me," is that of unending service on the battlefield—the building of great bonfires in Sherman's winter encampment to keep the wounded from freezing to death, the organization of medical supplies for the march through Georgia, the stripping away of red tape in caring for the welfare of the soldiers.

The story of Miss Helen Gilson, who served as superintendent of the hospital for Negro troops at City Point, reflects the role of the women working right behind the lines in helping to integrate the Negro troops into the army and the freed slaves generally into army relief work.

It is unfortunate that the book does not probe more deeply into this phase of the movement. It would be interesting, for example, to know to what extent Frederick Douglass was concerned with the work of the commission.

These women, and countless others like them, are the heroines of this book. Miss Greenbie quotes a responsible source as estimating that at least 10,000 women nationally were giving active, executive leadership to the commission's

work.

It is to be regretted that, except for a stirring and remarkably vivid chapter on the popular mustering of the Union Army. Miss Greenbie records this period in the history of American women's movements largely without reference to the political background of the Civil War years. Nor does she trace the roots of the ladies aid societies to the participation of women in the abolitionist and women's rights movements in the decade and a half preceding the Civil War.

The strength of "Lincoln's Daughters of Mercy" is that it captures the spirit of the people and particularly of the women of the Civil War. It is a confirmation of the profoundly democratic and progressive character of that great war for a free and united nation. The story it tells is the heritage of today's great women's organizations.

### William Gropper Birthday Dinner

Carl Sandburg, poet, and Norman Corwin, radio writer and director, will be guest speakers at a dinner honoring William Gropper, American artist and cartoonist, and fighter against fascism.

The dinner, marking Gropper's birthday, will be held at the Commodore Hotel Dec. 4 and is being sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Edward Chodorov, playwright and author of Decision, will act as chairman.

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# Story of Textile Workers Told in Sympathetic Book

THE COTTON MILL WORKER, by Herbert J. Lahne. Farrar and Rinehart. \$3. REVIEWED BY ANN BURLAK

The Cotton Mill Worker, by Herbert J. Lahne is a comprehensive study of the cotton textile workers and their experiences in building union organization. One of the oldest and lowest-paid industries in the country, the cotton textile industry has retained some of the worst features of employer-employee relationships. So bitterly have the mill owners fought unionization that even today, out of a total of over a half million workers, only some 145,000 are organized.

Mr. Lahne vividly describes the growth of the industry, its wide use of women and children, the numerous and scattered organizational attempts made by various unions and the methods used by mill owners to keep down wages. The use of both paternalism and open terror, hunger and violence against workers has not been uncommon in the industry.

In spite of this, textile workers both in New England and the South have a militant tradition of union struggle. I can speak of this from personal experience both as a textile worker and union organizer.

### KING COTTON

Mr. Lahne tells why the cotton industry was founded on the company mill village principle. Since textile mills used to depend on water power to run machinery, mills were usually built on a river or stream even if at some distance from a city. This required that the mill owner provide living quarters if he was to attract workers. So the company village was born.

While the mill village rapidly disappeared as the cities grew in New England, in the South it retained in many sections to this day. Here the mill worker lives in a company-owned house, does his shopping in a company-owned store, sends his children to a company-owned school and even attends services in a company-owned church. It is obvious that under such circumstances, the mill owner supervises all phases of life of the worker and his family. And when workers began to show interest in union organization, the mill owner would often fire them from their jobs, evict their families from their homes, and cut off their credit at the store.

In cotton textile industry the entire family had to work to make a family income. Child labor was widely used up to as recently as

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all means at their command to disrupt or to smash the attempt at organization. That attitude towards unionism prevails to a great extent to this day.

In discussing the role of the Communists in the cotton textile industry, Mr. Lahne correctly points out that the Communists were the only group to go into the South as early as 1929 and advocate full equality for the Negro people on the job and in the union. He also indicates that it was the Communists who first advocated industrial unionism as a form of organization during the 1928 New Bedford strike.

I wish to commend Mr. Lahne for his thorough and very interesting handling of the subject, and especially urge all textile union members to read this book.

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## Premier Mikolajczyk Quits London Polish Government

LONDON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the London Polish Government has resigned and Deputy Prime Minister Jan Kwapinski has been entrusted with formation of a new cabinet, it was announced officially tonight. Kwapinski is a right-wing Socialist.

Earlier, today, W. Averell Harriman, United States Ambassador to the USSR, conferred here with Mikolajczyk.

### Must Double Rifle, Machine Gun Bullets: Krug

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—Production chief J. A. Krug announced today that the output of rifle and machine gun bullets must be more than doubled and mortar shells "substantially" increased to fill requests cabled yesterday by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### Charge Argentina Disrupts Hemisphere Unity

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 24 (UP).—The Inter-American Hemisphere Defense Committee charged today that Argentina's international attitude since the Rio De Janeiro conference of American foreign ministers in 1942 has caused a breakup of continental unity which "not only has prevented formation of a solid front against Axis political aggression but has given support to those elements which totalitarian powers could employ within this hemisphere for the furtherance of their ends."

### Individual Bond Purchases One-Tenth of Goal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (UP).—The War Finance Division reported tonight that individual bond purchases up to the close of the third day (Wednesday) of the Sixth War Loan totaled \$563,000,000, slightly more than one-tenth of the \$5,000,000,000 individual quota.

### U. S. Planes Kill 4,500 in Leyte Bound Convoy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Saturday, Nov. 25 (UP).—Allied airmen yesterday smashed a Japanese convoy off Masbate as it was bringing reinforcements to the enemy on Leyte and at least 4,500 Japanese troops were killed, a communique said today.

## Eyewitness on B-29 Relates Scene of Tokio Ablaze

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altitude as they moved toward Honshu Island.

At 11:20 a.m. the snow-capped summit of Mt. Fujiyama appeared through an overcast that protected our approach.

### MT. FUJIYAMA IN SIGHT

Suddenly over the interphones came Archer's voice:

"Watch closely for fighters."

But at 12:03 there were none in sight.

We flew over lakes, deep canyons and rugged mountain country with sharp ridges and peaks, then bore straight for the target after making a turn. Suddenly the clouds which had shielded our approach ended abruptly and we looked down through a slight blue haze on Tokyo.

At 12:08 the target was very plain. There was a stadium and race track clearly visible. Then the clustered aircraft factory buildings came into bombardier Bohling's sight.

"Flak on our right—high," came a report over the interphone.

Then the circuit hummed with reports of ack-ack bursts, some blossoming blackly at a level with our flight, but 150 to 200 yards away.

"Two fighters at 10 o'clock."

It was the first report of enemy interception. Other reports started coming in over the interphones, but only two planes reached our altitude. Other zeros, apparently surprised and slow, were 10,000 or more feet below us, unable to climb up and attack.

We swooped over Tokyo's suburbs where 11 miles west of the main city lay the important Nakajima Aircraft plant. Two planes ahead of us dropped bombs in perfect strings. At 12:12 p.m. Bohling called "bombs away."

As we started to withdraw, bursts of ack-ack grew intense but failed

to overtake us. We had a 120-knot tailwind and were really racing away.

Dozens of fighters now filled the sky, mostly below us, but we were not attacked. Our tailgunner, however, fired a few bursts at two Zeros who hovered in and out of range.

We flew over north Tokyo at terrific speed. On our right was Emperor Hirohito's gray-walled moated palace in a district of wood houses and the broad main street—Ginza.

A few tall buildings stood out here and there, but mostly the city blended into a grayish indistinguishable pattern.

A black fighter plane with yellow stripes on its wings was getting close to us but it skidded away. Then S/Sgt. Martin J. Sepe, 27, Chicago, left gunner, reported that he had counted 44 Japanese fighters on the field below us with only one taking off.

All these fighters were far too late to bother us.

Then came word of our bombing results. Sepe said:

"Our bombs were right in the target. I saw many flashes as the bombs exploded among the buildings."

Tail gunner Sgt. J. W. Price, Jr., 24, Bells, Texas, said:

"I saw six big fires burning with the smoke going high into the air. Then the next wave of planes hit but I couldn't tell what they did."

"I think we slipped in on them, but we were lucky," the captain said. "There were lots of fighters aloft and plenty of ack-ack and it's possible subsequent waves had a rough time."

When we hit the coastline leaving Tokyo Bay area, where one-sixth of the inhabitants of Japan are concentrated, we had been over the Japanese homeland 45 minutes.



A group of French infantrymen advances under cover of one of their tanks pounding enemy defenses at Belfort. The key fortress in the Vosges mountain gap is now in the hands of the French First Army.

## The Veteran Commander

### THE BOMBING OF TOKIO

INDUSTRIAL targets in Tokio were bombed yesterday by land-based planes for the first time in this war, and in history, for that matter.

A "sizable task force" of B-29 Superfortresses, based on Saipan, roughly 1,500 miles from Tokio, took part in the operation, the exact extent and result of which has not yet been announced. This was a daylight mission performed by the newly established 21st Bomber Command under Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, Jr. Young Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell was in personal command of the task force.

It will be remembered that the first attack on Tokio was made on April 18, 1942, by a handful of carrier-based medium bombers under Lieut. Col. (now Lieut. Gen.) James A. Doolittle.

Work on the airbase on Saipan was started immediately after the island was taken on July 8 of this year. Its completion after four and one-half months of work is the more important in the light of our loss of heavy bomber bases in eastern China and the imminent loss of those in south-central China.

The Japanese say 70 Superforts made the raid. This would mean that at least several hundred tons of bombs were dropped.

The bombing of the Japanese capital by land-based aircraft marks a new phase of the war. In fact, the Battle for Japan has been joined.

It is a highly important strategic factor that, just as our airpower is forced to retreat further and further from Japan because of the inadequate protection afforded it by the troops of the Central Government of China, our air power has appeared with a vengeance from the other side, and much closer to Japan than it was in Kweilin

and Liuchow, to say nothing of threatened Kweiyang, which is more than 2,000 miles from Tokio (Tokio-Formosa-Saipan form a triangle, each side of which is 1,500 miles). It is obvious that, even with the existing comparative shipping shortage the supplying of Saipan by ship is much easier than the supplying of Kweilin by air over the Himalayas.

IN LEYTE our troops have captured the stronghold of Limon, which will permit us to roll up the Japanese line protecting Ormoc from the north.

In China the Japanese claim to be only 120 miles from Kweiyang.

Gen. Wedemeyer reports that Chiang has accepted "the general concept" of a plan for "the disposition of Chinese troops for more effective opposition to the Japanese invasion." A highly diplomatic phrase which will have military meaning only if Chiang agrees to stop blockading the Eighth People's Army with his best troops. Simply reshuffling his troops south of the Yangtze will do little good.

FRENCH troops are in the outskirts of Strasbourg, and it is rather clear that the German southern wing has been pulled back of the Rhine, abandoning much of its equipment.

Patton's Third Army is advancing slowly toward the Saar Line, encountering stiff resistance and counterattacks near Munster.

Our Ninth and First Armies, astride the Aachen-Cologne super-highway, are battling slowly toward Juelich and Dueren. Fearing an outflanking American move south of Dueren, the Germans are battling fiercely in the Huertgen Forest, southwest of Dueren.

The British are having intermittent luck near Venlo, gaining here and losing there.

THE Red Army has opened a secondary offensive in Slovakia between the Tisza and the Beskids. The front roughly stretches from Tokay in Hungary to the Lupkov Pass, and is facing the big and most important rail and road junction of Koshitze, which controls all communications in eastern Slovakia. This new offensive is subsidiary to the Hungarian operation of Marshal Malinovsky, and should not be interpreted as an entirely new move.

PINKY RANKIN

